

# Painter Near Death in Freak Fall



**PACKED HOUSE . . .** The Board of Education played to a full house with little standing room only Tuesday night as they discussed with residents of Kettler Knolls and North Torrance the recent curtailment of bus service in their areas. Board members shown include Judge John A. Shidler (lower left), William H. Tolson (center), Mrs. Grace Wright (right) and Carl Steele (partially hidden). Herald photo.

## Four Cars Collide Along 'Murder Mile'

Chalk up five more for "Murder Mile!" That's the number of persons injured early Saturday morning in one of the dangerous stretch's more spectacular collisions, this one involving no less than four cars.

The latest accident occurred on Pacific Coast highway at Crenshaw boulevard, only a short distance away from the Newton street death trap where the state right now is considering "channelizing" traffic.

A six-months-old tot, Linda Godwin of Santa Monica, and a 51-year-old man, Charles Williams of Palos Verdes Estates, were seriously injured in the wreckage. The baby suffered a possible brain concussion while Williams was taken to a Los Angeles hospital with possible internal injuries, cuts and bruises.

Less seriously banged up were Mrs. Emma Goodwin, 37; Dennis Young, 2 and Carmen Young, 29, all of Santa Monica.

Drivers of the quartet of autos were listed as Wallace Barnes, 16, Palos Verdes Estates; John M. Young, 31, of Santa Monica; Williams, and Charles G. Huddleston of Artesia.

Eugene Goodman, community relations chairman who said he represented the Southeast International Federation, stated that part of the production is in minstrel show and as such ridicules a minority group of persons.

William H. Tolson told Goodman he thought his group was out of order in coming before the board without any representation in Torrance.

"I don't think we have the right to tell the people what they can do and what they can't do in a building they own," Tolson said.

## Council Briefs

Communications from Mrs. D. W. Randall and Mrs. J. Lucock, both of Palos Verdes Estates, protesting the operation of the gravel pit in Walteria, were filed as a matter of record, pending a report from the city engineer on the operation.

The objection of Clyde W. Moore, of 2617 Arlington avenue, to assessment for the sewer improvements in his area was heard by the council when it was pointed out by Moore in a letter to the council that the sewer improvements were not available to his property. The matter was referred to City Engineer Jacob Josephs for investigation and recommendation.

A request from the YMCA that the Civic Auditorium be made available without fee for the annual "Good Neighbor" breakfast Saturday, November 17, was approved.

A resolution approving an easement across the rear of Seaside Ranchos connecting the Ranchos with the new housing development on Sepulveda boulevard, was approved on the recommendation of John Patrick, assistant city engineer.

On the recommendation of Councilman Willys G. Blount, Mrs. Juanita Thompson was appointed to a two-year term on the Library Board, and Kenneth Bloomfield was reappointed for a one-year term by Mayor Bob Haggard.

Residents of Fern avenue, Elm avenue area south of Torrance boulevard presented their protests again concerning the inadequate drainage of rain-water from the two streets. The council has held, unofficially, that the citizens are responsible for the costs of any drainage solution. The matter was referred to the city engineer for study.

## Council Hears Alondra Park Annexation Plea

An eloquent and passionate plea for the annexation of Alondra Park to the City of Torrance was delivered to the City Council Tuesday night by O. Z. Drake, of 4222 West Redondo Beach boulevard.

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that he had an "appeal to make to my city government," Drake told the councilmen, which included his son Nick, that the annexation of the Alondra Park area would be the greatest annexation since the beginning of the city.

Quoting a statement made by Andrew Carnegie, Drake said: "There is a time when a man can speculate—and there is a time when he can not."

Drake indicated that he thought now was the time for the annexation of the area in question.

"The city of Torrance is contemplating the purchase of land on which to build an expensive swimming pool," he said.

"Why spend a cent of the taxpayers' money for such things when we have one of the finest pools and recreation areas in Southern California available for the asking?"

He pointed out that the improvements now completed on the 320-acre park have been valued at more than \$100,000,000 and that more is pending.

"The city would have a large and noble visitation attracted by the golf course, the recreation lake and pool, and El Camino College," Drake said, emphasizing his plea for the immediate annexation.

"The annexation must be done diplomatically because of competition and opposition," he said. "You must be very shrewd about this," he cautioned the council.

Drake, owner of the Drake ranch, bordering Redondo Beach boulevard, has been a resident of the area for many years and was influential in bringing about the annexation of North Torrance to the city a few years ago.

Following the plea by Drake, Jack White, of 4308 West 178th place, newly elected president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, rose to tell the council that the board of directors of the NTCIA favored the annexation of Alondra to the city.

Mayor Bob Haggard pointed out that the recreation facilities were as available to Torrance residents now as they would be if they were within the city limits, but no other remarks, pro or con, were offered concerning the proposal.

Members of the Lions Club and the Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs of Torrance High School will man the "Broom" stations in the downtown area during the two-day sale.

Half of the money raised during the sale is retained in Torrance to provide eye care for deserving children.

## Brooms for Blind Sale To Be Two-day Event

"Brooms for the Blind" sale sponsored by the Torrance Lions Club will be held two days this year, Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, according to Louis Arbetter, general chairman of the event.

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# RESTORE BUS SERVICE TO CUT-OFF SECTIONS

## Act To Restore Buses by Monday

A consensus expressed by members of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night indicated that some relief may be in sight for those parents informed last week that their children would no longer be transported to school.

At 11:15 p.m. Tuesday night, after a three-hour hearing attended by nearly one hundred North Torrance and Kettler Knoll parents who were affected by the cutback of last Friday, the board suggested that the district administrators and school principals reevaluate the pick-up schedule of last year to determine the feasibility of maintaining as much as is possible the policy followed last year.

Parents can expect some notification of the findings of the bus study by the first of next week, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said Tuesday night.

It was hoped that those morning sessions kindergarten students who were affected by last week's cutback could be transported home at noon. A slight readjustment of present bus schedules would allow the youngsters to be discharged at those stops in use until last Friday.

It was further pointed out that a complete return of service to the "cutback areas" would not be possible under present bus load conditions, but it was hoped that transportation could be furnished for those children in the third grade and under who were affected by the cutback of a week ago.

In the meantime the board was to investigate several possibilities for providing more bus transportation as a permanent solution to the problem.

Several parents expressed the opinion that the board's policy of bus transportation should consider the dangers of children walking to school. They said that conditions, not distance, should be the determining factor.

One group of parents in North Torrance stated that they would keep their children at home rather than subject them to the dangers of walking on streets without sidewalks, crossing unguarded streets and walking near the Dominguez Flood Control Channel.

"If the bus policy were based on hazards encountered in walking to school, who is to determine what is and what is not a hazard. What would be considered a safe practice by one parent might be regarded as an extremely dangerous hazard by another parent," one board member said in discussing the matter.

Popular with the parents was one opinion expressed by board member Carl Steele: "I do not feel that these small children should be made to walk to school if it is at all possible to provide transportation."

Dr. Hull said that bus transportation would continue in North Torrance as long as seats on the buses were available, but that when the buses reached the overload point the children in the upper grades would be asked to walk to school.

## County Denies Responsibility For Crossings

Officials do not consider Los Angeles County responsible for school crossing guards at 182nd street and Hawthorne boulevard, the City Council learned through a letter sent to the city this week by C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools.

A check of the county records, Carpenter wrote, showed that the City of Torrance had jurisdiction over five-eighths of the roadway, Redondo Beach one-quarter, and the county one-eighth. The county usually does not assume responsibility for such crossings where it has jurisdiction over less than half of the roadway, the letter said.

## Bean Ball Pitch By Waitress Drops Youth, 18

A Torrance youth, J. W. Wood, 18, who dropped a tray at a drive-in, was in turn dropped by a waitress last Thursday, who hurled a glass of water bean ball fashion at the youth's head leaving a gash requiring seven stitches to close.

Wood, who lives at 1558 West 218th street, was treated at the San Pedro Receiving Hospital after the pitching episode in a Harbor City eatery.

## Marine Ordered Held for Trial

Bill Roger Stewart, 29-year-old Marine who assertedly confessed to the knife slaying of a Hermosa Beach mother and housewife, was ordered held for Superior court trial at a preliminary hearing held before City Judge C. A. Bridge, of Hermosa Beach.

Judge Bridge ordered Stewart held without bail for arraignment November 22.

The newly discharged Marine veteran was apprehended here September 29 after leading two Torrance police officers on an 85-mile-an-hour chase through downtown Torrance. He was arrested at East road and Decker avenue after wrecking the stolen auto he was driving.

## Worker Drops 25 Feet As Crane Severs Hand

## North Torrance Soldier Dies In Korean War

Death of Pvt. Osamu Tamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Inayoshi Tamura, of 3925 West 182nd street, was announced yesterday by the Department of Defense, less than seven months after the young soldier was inducted into the army.

A former student of Redondo Union High School, Tamura was inducted into the service on February 19 of this year and was sent overseas on July 14. The announcement said his death occurred September 9.

The body of Tamura will be returned to this country for burial.

In addition to his parents he leaves two brothers, Kunima and Joe, both veterans of World War II combat with the famed 412nd battalion; another brother, Sueo and four sisters, Terry, Yukiko, Nobuko and Ami.

## Painter Critical After Fall From Crane Runway

On the critical list and still unconscious yesterday is a painter at National Supply, who fell while working near an overhead crane runway Monday, grabbing the rail to save himself, but only to have the crane run over his hand seconds later, sending him crashing to the earth 25 feet below.

The victim is Bert Looney, 1547 West 221st street.

Since no one witnessed the accident, plant officials could only reconstruct the accident from the evidence available. Looney was scraping paint from the crane's runway when he apparently lost his balance. When a coworker discovered him on the ground he had three fingers missing on one hand.

He was taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Clifford Easley treated him for a fractured skull, a fractured thigh, a compound fracture of the jaw, a compound fracture of the foot, and lesser injuries.

The accident occurred in the Weld Shop of the local plant. The victim had been employed by National for approximately one year.

## Single Day Campaign Challenged

Torrance's plan to become the first Harbor area city to wind up its 1951 Community Chest campaign has received serious competition from the nearby city of Lomita. City Chairman Jack Dabbs has disclosed.

Dabbs said yesterday he had received a challenge from Earl B. Barnett, Lomita's city chairman. Barnett said that they were not only going to conduct a one-day campaign there, but that it would be finished and Lomita well over the top before Torrance knew what had happened.

The challenge was readily accepted by Dabbs, who said he was happy to have another city using the one-day plan. But, he said, he was sure that Lomita would have to be content with second place in the final results.

"I don't think Torrance will take a back seat to any other city, including Lomita," Dabbs said. "We're going to have to go all out to get the job done in one day, but I'm sure that we can do it."

Because of the difference in quotas between the two cities, the contest will be based on percent of the total goal. The first city to go over the top of its quota will be the winner, Dabbs and Barnett agreed.

The Harbor area Community Chest headquarters will hold an open house Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 4 in the afternoon, Area Chairman Noble Waite announced today.

The campaign headquarters is located at 629 South Garvey street in San Pedro.



**FREEDOM'S LIGHT . . .** Helping spotlight National Newspaper Week is this unique floral arrangement created by Mrs. Kay Walsworth, and Mrs. Clara Ostloch, owner and manager respectively of La Galeria Florist. The arrangement being examined here by Herald Editor Jack Baldwin and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Herald, is centered around a wired flashing lighthouse. The motto of the 1951 National Newspaper Week was "Your Newspaper Lights the Way of Freedom."—Herald photo.